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ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Labor Day Safety Message

1. I need your help to ensure this Labor Day holiday passes without tragedy. In particular, I need commanders and other leaders to provide a safety briefing to personnel prior to their release. It is necessary to again remind our personnel about:

Defensive Driving. Make sure your vehicle is mechanically sound—conduct a PMCS! Maintain at a minimum, the 2 second interval between you and the vehicle in front. Ensure all occupants wear a seat belt. Make frequent stops to counteract fatigue and adjust following distance appropriately for adverse weather conditions.

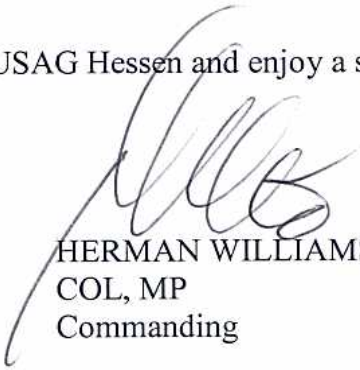
Alcohol Consumption. Even though legal, alcohol consumption can lead to disaster. Instead of improving physical abilities, it heightens confidence by suppressing natural fears and inhibitions that help protect us when sober. If you must consume alcohol, and you are using your vehicle, use the Designated Driver Program.

Water Recreation. This is traditionally the last holiday of the summer wherein the weather may still be warm enough for water activities. If you spend time around water, swim only in authorized areas. Remember that combining alcohol with water activities can have a sad ending if you don't exercise good judgment. Restrict your alcohol use when using a water vehicle.

2. POV inspections are mandatory. To ensure success with the inspection, a POV checklist is enclosed. Remember to conduct the inspection early enough in the week for persons to correct any deficiencies prior to being released. Remember to re-inspect to ensure a deficiency has been corrected before releasing that individual.

3. Let's celebrate our accomplishments in USAG Hessen and enjoy a safe holiday weekend.

“DON'T WALK BY”


HERMAN WILLIAMS
COL, MP
Commanding

POV INSPECTION CHECKLIST

At least a two week period should be allowed to ensure timely repairs.

ITEM	WHAT TO CHECK	LOOK FOR KNOWN DEFICIENCIES	CHECKOFF	
TIRES	Condition	Tread depth, wear, weathering, evenly seated, bulges, imbedded objects, cuts, breaks. At least one mm of tread over entire traction surface. (Using a penny, place it in the tire tread with head facing downward. If the tread does not reach the top of Lincoln's head, there is insufficient tread depth)	Front	Rear
	Spare tire	Spare tire (inflated), jack, lug wrench	Pass	Fail
LIGHTS	Head lights	Both high and low beams operational, cracked, condensation, secured	Left	Right
	Tail Lights	Lenses intact, tail light working when turned on (red)	Left	Right
	Brake lights	Lenses intact, brake light working when brake is applied (red)	Left	Right
	Turn Signals	Lenses intact, left and right turn signals blink (red lights in rear and yellow lights in front)	Front Left	Rear Right
	Backup lights	Lenses intact, left and right backup lights work (White Light)	Left	Right
	Four-way Flashers	Lenses intact, left and right turn signals flash/blink at the same time	Front Left	Rear Right
	License Plate Light	Lenses intact, does light stay on		
			Pass	Fail
WINDSHIELD & WINDOWS & WIPERS	Windshield	Not cracked, broken or scratched to the degree that impairs vision	Pass	Fail
	Rear Window	Not cracked, broken or scratched to the degree that impairs vision	Pass	Fail
	Windows	Windows go up and down, scratched or tinted to the degree that impairs vision	Pass	Fail
	Window controls	Check handles, push electric buttons	Front	Rear
	Windshield wipers	Both wipers are installed on vehicle, windshield wipers work, blades show signs of wear	Pass	Fail
MIRROR	Mirror Outside	Missing, cracked	Left	Right
	Mirror Inside	Missing, cracked	Pass	Fail
BUMPERS	Bumper Front	Missing, loose, broken	Pass	Fail
	Bumper Rear	Missing, loose, broken, bent in any way to cause a hazard	Pass	Fail
BRAKES	Brakes	Foot pedal cannot travel more than half way to floor, does brake light stay on	Pass	Fail
	Emergency Brake	Properly adjusted, check emergency brake	Pass	Fail

	by: pull/push emergency brake, apply foot to brake, gently press gas pedal, ensure brake holds vehicle		
Interior			
Horn	Does it work	Pass	Fail
Defroster Front	Ensure hot air blows out above the dash	Pass	Fail
Defroster Rear	Check light on dash, if in the winter ensure it works by allowing the rear windshield to clear up	Pass	Fail
Emergency equipment	(OPTIONAL) First aid kit, warning triangle, flashlight, fire extinguisher, blanket, flares, shovel, chains, tools, etc. (Check host nation laws for any additional equipment)	Pass	Fail
Heater	Ensure heater works	Pass	Fail
SEATBELTS			
Seatbelt Front/Rear (Include shoulder harness during inspection, may have a center seat belt)	Missing, frayed, does not snap	Front	Rear
LICENSE/DECALS/INSURANCE			
State Drivers License	Expired, missing	Pass	Fail
Installation decal	Missing, needs replacing	Pass	Fail
License Plate (License plates match windshield decal (Europe Only))	Expired, check sticker/decal to ensure plate is current	Pass	Fail
Insurance	Does the operator have valid insurance	Pass	Fail
UNDER THE HOOD			
FLUIDS			
Brake	Filled to appropriate level	Pass	Fail
Windshield washer	Windshield washer fluid	Pass	Fail
Battery	Check the color indicator on the battery	Pass	Fail
Power Steering	Filled to appropriate level	Pass	Fail
HOSES	Cuts, cracks, leaks, bulges, chaffing, deterioration	Pass	Fail
BATTERY	Terminals, clean and tight, held down securely	Pass	Fail

Inspector's Name: _____ Signature _____

Operator Name: _____ Signature _____

Platoon Sergeant/Platoon Leaders approval _____

Date inspection was conducted _____ Date follow-up inspection was conducted _____

Leave/Pass/Holiday _____

Inspection checklist can be revised based on local requirements - e.g., snow tires/chains

INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT

PRE-TRIP CHECKLIST FOR LEADERS

Use this checklist when trips are planned. Apply risk management controls if needed.

Point of origin to destination.

Destination _____

Planned rest stops/breaks_____

Anticipated Weather Conditions _____

Travel distance one way_____

Mode of travel _____

If driving POV: # of licensed drivers_____

Planned rest stops/breaks_____

Point of origin departure date and time_____

Expected destination arrival time_____

Return from Destination to Point of Origin

Mode of travel _____

Planned rest stops/breaks_____

Anticipated Weather Condition _____

If driving POV: # of licensed drivers _____

Planned rest stops/breaks_____

Destination departure date and time_____

Expected arrival time at point of origin_____

VEHICLE CONDITION: OLD NEW Vehicle Inspected

INSURANCE: Is soldier's car insurance coverage up to date/current?

Discuss Hazards, Risk, & Controls

Yes	No
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DRIVER'S LICENSE: Does soldier possess a valid driver's license?	Yes	No
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SIGNATURES

Soldier Planning Trip:

Name/Rank/Signature: _____ DATE _____

Supervisor:

Name/Rank/Signature: _____ DATE _____

Checks soldiers knowledge of important vehicle safety information and identifies areas requiring additional training/emphasis. Conduct survey while vehicle is being inspected.

1. What is most likely to kill you (or other soldiers)?
2. A soldier is required by Army regulation to use seat belts at all times, on and off the installation, while driving or riding in a POV.
3. Seatbelts are not necessary if your car is equipped with air bags.
4. What time of day do most fatal POV accidents occur where the Army driver is at fault?
 - a. 0600-0900
 - b. 0900-1500
 - c. 1600-2000
 - d. 2100-0500
5. If you are driving and feel sleepy, what should you do?
 - a. Roll down the windows so the fresh air will wake you up
 - b. Turn the radio volume up to keep you alert
 - c. Turn the air conditioner to high so the cool air will wake you up
 - d. Stop and sleep
 - e. Any of the above
6. For the average 160-180 pound individual, inhibitions are lessened and judgment begins to be affected after drinking just one beer in one hour or less.
 - a. True
 - b. False
7. Which of the following factors determine safe driving speed?
 - a. Posted speed limit
 - b. Road and weather conditions
 - c. Time of day
 - d. Amount and type of traffic
 - e. a and b
 - f. a thru d
8. What days of the week do most fatal POV accidents occur where the Army driver is at fault?
 - a. Monday and Friday
 - b. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
 - c. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday
 - d. Sunday and Monday

Speed, Fatigue,
Alcohol, non-use
of seatbelts

True False

True False

D

D

A

F

C